BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property Section 8-118(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

89.

The validity of any rule or regulation of the Commission may be determined upon petition for a declaratory judgment addressed to THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY OR TO the circuit court for the county where the petitioner has its principal office in this State whenever it appears that the rule or regulation, or its threatened application, interferes with or impairs, or threatens to interfere with or impair, the legal rights or privileges of the petitioner. The Commission shall be made a party to the proceeding. The declaratory judgment may be rendered whether or not the petitioner has first requested the Commission to pass upon the validity of the rule or regulation in question.

91.

[(a)] Proceedings for review under § 90 of this article shall be instituted in the circuit court in equity for any county within which operations are carried on by the public service company involved OR IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY. If more than one proceeding to review an order of the Commission is instituted, the court may, upon motion of either party, transfer the proceeding to any other court having jurisdiction. If a rehearing by the Commission is duly applied for, proceedings for judicial review may be filed after the service of the decision of the Commission denying the hearing. The Commission may be a party to such appeal.

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- (b) The tenant shall pay rents into the registry of an escrow account of:
- (1) The clerk of the circuit court [or the appropriate court of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City]; or
- (2) If directed by the clerk, an administrative agency of the county which is empowered by local law to hold